

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 11, ~~with wherein~~ the power supply ~~which is independent of the mains being~~ is contained in the unit.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 2, ~~with~~ further comprising:  
at least one solar cell; ~~cells (20) and~~  
at least one rechargeable battery ~~batteries (21) being provided in order to~~ absorb and to store the necessary electrical energy.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 3, ~~with wherein~~ the solar cells ~~(20) being arranged~~ are adjustably arranged.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 11, ~~with one or more LED lights (10, 11) or wherein the light that illuminates the sign is~~ an LED sheet which is fitted to the sign ~~being provided in order to illuminate the sign~~.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 11, ~~also having further comprising:~~

attachment elements for ~~attachment~~ attaching the unit to a frame (2) which surrounds the sign to be illuminated.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 11, ~~with the wherein the~~  
unit ~~being~~ is L-shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 11, ~~furthermore having~~  
further comprising:

at least one light sensor ~~sensors (16)~~ for controlling the illumination of the sign.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 11, ~~furthermore having~~  
further comprising:

one or more proximity sensors ~~(17) and/or~~ an adjustable time circuit for switching the  
illumination of the sign on and off.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Apparatus according to Claim 10;~~ An apparatus for illuminating a  
sign, the apparatus comprising:

a unit that is attachable to the sign;

at least one light that illuminates the sign;

a power supply that is separate from a main power supply; and

~~with at least one light emitting diode (LED) spotlights (12) being provided in order to~~  
~~illuminate the surrounding~~ that illuminates an area surrounding the sign.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to ~~one of~~ Claims 11 ~~10~~,  
~~furthermore having further comprising:~~

at least one light sensors ~~(16) for controlling that controls the illumination of the~~  
surrounding area ~~illumination~~.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to Claim 11 ~~10~~, ~~furthermore~~  
~~having further comprising:~~

at least one proximity sensors ~~(17) and/or~~ an adjustable time circuit for switching the  
surrounding area illumination on and off.

14. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein an aperture angle and desired direction  
of a light cone illuminating the surrounding area can be adjusted.

15. (New) An apparatus for illuminating a sign, the apparatus comprising:

a unit that is attachable to the sign;

at least one light that illuminates the sign;

a power supply that is separate from a main power supply;

at least one light that illuminates an area surrounding the sign; and

at least one sensor that controls the illumination of the area surrounding the sign.

16. (New) An apparatus for illuminating a sign, the apparatus comprising:

- a unit that is attachable to the sign;
- at least one light that illuminates the sign;
- a power supply that is separate from a main power supply; and
- at least one attachment element that attaches the unit to a frame surrounding the sign, the attachment element including a rail wherein a groove formed in the unit may be pushed onto the rail to attach the unit to the frame.

17. (New) An apparatus for illuminating a sign, the apparatus comprising:

- a unit that is attachable to the sign, the unit being L-shaped with a horizontal limb and a vertical limb;
- at least one light that illuminates the sign; and
- a power supply that is separate from a main power supply;

wherein the unit is attached to the sign with at least one attachment point on each limb.

18. (New) An apparatus for illuminating a sign, the apparatus comprising:

- a unit that is attachable to the sign;
- an LED sheet that is fitted to the sign in order to illuminate the sign; and
- a power supply that is separate from a main power supply.